



COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

May 10, 2018
10:00am
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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Opening Remarks
- IV. Invited Testimony

Charge #1: Examine how emergency response activities are organized, funded, and coordinated. Review the impact of natural disasters on county finances. Identify any deficiencies in authority for the most populous counties related to infrastructure planning, emergency response, and recovery. Explore ways to improve efficiencies and manage costs while protecting public safety. Additionally, study the relationship between the state, counties, non-governmental organizations, and churches in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and determine if preparedness plans are adequate.

Charge #2: Evaluate whether counties have the necessary ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas of Texas. Additionally, examine whether counties have adequate resources and authority to ensure that new development in unincorporated areas is not susceptible to flooding.

General Land Office- Overview of Emergency Response and Recovery

George P. Bush, Texas Land Commissioner
Texas General Land Office

County and Regional Officials-- Authority, Roles, and Impact

Panel #1

Vincent Perez, Commissioner Precinct 3
El Paso County

Chuck Wemple, Chief Operating Officer
Houston-Galveston Area Council

Jim Allison, General Counsel
County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas

Panel #2

Kharley Smith, Emergency Management Coordinator
Hays County

Clint Garza, Chief of Staff/Executive Director of Countywide Operations
Hays County

Chair
Representative Garnet Coleman

Vice-Chair
Representative Drew Springer

Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney
Travis County

Stacey Scheffel, Certified Floodplain Manager
Travis County

Harris County- Authority, Impact, and Looking Forward
Shain Carrizal, Director of Administration and Finance
Harris County

Russ Poppe, P.E., Executive Director
Harris County Flood Control

Alisa S. Max, P.E., Manager of General Services Division
Harris County Engineering Department

Michael J. Turco, General Manager
Harris-Galveston Subsidence District

Hospitals- Impact, Response, and Recovery
Dr. Alan Vierling, Executive VP/Administrator
Harris Health System, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital

Nathan Tudor, Chief Operating Officer
El Campo Memorial Hospital

Carrie Kroll, Vice President Advocacy, Quality and Public Health
Texas Hospital Association

Health and Human Services- Overview of Emergency Response and Recovery
Chris Adams, Deputy Commissioner, System Support Services
Health and Human Services Commission

Wayne Salter, Associate Commissioner, Access and Eligibility Services
Health and Human Services Commission

Sonja Gaines, Associate Commissioner, Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental
Disability Services
Health and Human Services Commission

David Kostroun, Deputy Executive Commissioner, Regulatory Services
Health and Human Services Commission

Developers- County Authority, Current Standards, and Future Disaster Mitigation
Ned Muñoz, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel
Texas Association of Builders

Andres A. Salazar, PhD, PE, D.WRE, Managing Director of Water Resources
Walter P Moore and Associates, Inc. also representing American Society of Civil Engineers

Emergency Services- Types of Services and Funding

Panel #1

Chief Mike Wisko, Legislative Director
Texas Fire Chiefs Association

Chief Robert Abbott, Fire Chief
Travis County Emergency Service District #6

Chief Kyle Taylor, Fire Chief
Hays County Emergency Service District #5

Panel #2

Chief Brandon Kludt, Division Chief
Comal County Emergency Service District #3- Canyon Lake Fire/EMS

Mark Jack, President
Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

Bob Janusaitus, Secretary
Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

John Carlton, General Counsel
Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

V. Public Testimony

VI. Adjourn